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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE TIMOR (PT) DEVELOPMENTS

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1. APODETI/UDT OFFENSIVE. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS,
APODETI/UDT FORCES TOOK BOBONARO TWON, APPROX
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10 KM SOUTHEAST OF PREVIOUSLY CAPTURED MALIANA (REFTEL),

OCT. 20. ONE HUNDRED FRETILIN CASUALTIES REPORTED.
SECONDARY APODETI/UDT FORCES ALSO REPORTED MOVING ON
INTERIOR TOWNS OF KAILAKO (NORTHEAST OF MALIANA) AND
ATABAI (NORTHEAST OF BALIBO) AS WELL AS COASTAL TOWN OF
MAUBARA, APPROX 25 KM WEST OF DILI.

2. NEGOTIATIONS. FONMIN MALIK OCT 22 ANNOUNCED TO JAKARTA
PRESS HIS PLANNED MEETING (REFTEL) WITH PORTUGUESE
OFFICIALS AT UNSPECIFIED LOCATION IN EUROPE NOV 1.
MALIK TOLD PRESS OCT 23 THAT GOI OBJECTIVE IN TALKS
WOULD BE TO PRESS GOP TO ENSURE PEACEFUL DECOLONIZATION
THROUGH TALKS WITH THREE PT PARTIES.

3. MISSING AUSTRALIAN NEWSMEN. STATE NEWS AGENCY ANTARA
OCT 23 REPORTED THAT UDT CHAIRMAN LOPEZ DA CRUZ HAD
AGREED TO INDONESIAN REQUEST TO SEARCH FOR MISSING
AUSTRALIAN NEWSMEN. DA CRUZ QUOTED AS SAYING IDENTIFI-
CATION OF CORPSES FOUND IN BALIBO WOULD, HOWEVER, BE
EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. FONMIN MALIK COMMENTED TO PRESS
OCT 22. APROPOS OF AUSTRALIAN REQUEST TO GOI FOR ASSISTANCE
IN IDENTIFYING MISSING JOURNALISTS THAT HE HAD TOLD
AUSTRALIAN "WE ARE NOT GRAVEDIGGERS" AND HAD EMPHASIZED
THAT PT NOT INDONESIAN TERRITORY. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. COMMENT: AUSTRALIAN EMBOFFS HAVE EXPRESSED TO US
GREAT CONCERN THAT MALIK QUIP, IF REPORTED IN AUSTRALIA,
COULD FURTHER COMPLICATE GOA/GOI RELATIONS ON PT QUESTION.
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5. REFUGEES. ANTARA HAS REPORTED FURTHER DECLARATION
OF INTENT AND PREPARATIONS AMONG PT REFUGEES TO RETURN
TO APODETI/UDT CONTROLLED AREA OF PT.
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